

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-140 are pending in the application. The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 22-29, 45-52, 68-75, 91-98, 114-121, and 137-140, and indicated that claims 7-21, 30-44, 53-67, 76-90, 99-113, and 112-136 contained allowable subject matter.

So that only claims containing subject matter that the Examiner has found to be allowable remain in this application, Applicants have done the following:

- 1) Rewritten claims 7, 53, and 99 in independent form.
- 2) Cancelled claims 1, 4-6, 27-30, 47, 50-52, 73-76, 93, 96-98, and 119-122.
- 3) Amended claims 2, 9, 22-24, 31, 45, 55, 68-70, 77, 91, 94, 101, 114-116, 123, and 139 either to depend, directly or indirectly, from a claim containing allowable subject matter, or to improve their form and consistency.

With these amendments, Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejections are moot. However, while Applicants have cancelled and amended certain claims in this application, Applicants do not concede the correctness of the Examiner's position. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the rejected claims in one or more continuing applications.

Request for Allowance

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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PATENT APPLICATION

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,
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